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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the Response to Election/Restriction filed on 11/1/2007.
2. Claims 1 and 2 are pending, claims 3-24 were withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - in claim 1, lines 2-3, 9, "upstream channels or logical channels" should be changed to "upstream channels" (or "upstream logical channels" to be consistent with the specification on page 2, lines 11-13) since only upstream channels are referenced to on lines 10s, 13 of claim 1 and on line 6 of claim 2;

line 4, "of CM" should be changed to "of CMs";

line 5, "to a a cable" should be changed to "to a cable";

lines 12 and 13, "modems" should be changed to "CMs" for consistency purposes.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Grimwood (US 6,459,703 B1).

Regarding claim 1, as shown in Fig. 2A, Grimwood teaches a process, comprising:

- 1) Gathering data about each cable modem (CM) in a group of CMs coupled to a cable modem termination system (CMTS) through a distributed transmission system (Fig. 1). Step 50 shows that upstream bandwidth requests from both DOCSIS 1.0 and 1.2 modems are received at CMTS (col. 9, lines 52-55).
- 2) Dividing said group of CMs up into logical groups based upon CM type (step 50, CMTS uses SIDs in bandwidth requests to divide modems into TDAM group and SCDMA group, col. 9, lines 55-58).
- 3) Creating an upstream channel on said distributed transmission system for each logical group of CMs, each upstream channel having transmission characteristics optimized for a particular logical group of CMs (step 56, an upstream logical channel is created for each group of TDMA and SCDMA modems using a UCD message that defines the symbol rate, the center frequency and controlling for each type of TDMA and SCDMA modems, col. 10, lines 31-37).
- 4) Assigning the CMs in each logical group to the upstream channel created for that logical group (step 56, the UCD messages assign the modems to the appropriate upstream logical channels based on the modem type, col. 10, lines 37-42).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be

allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nittaya Juntima whose telephone number is 571-272-3120. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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